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Dear Mr. Smith:

This responds to our phone conversation of yesterday, September 10, 2003  
regarding the above-referenced matter and the Amendment we filed on August 19, 2003.

Per our phone conversation, this letter constitutes (a) applicants' petition  
for a two-month Extension of Time for their response to the March 20, 2003 Office  
Action, and (b) authorization for the Patent Office to charge the undersigned's Deposit  
Account No. 01-1785 the sum of \$205.00 to cover a two-month extension fee associated  
with the filing of the above-mentioned Amendment on Aug 19, 2003.

If an additional extension of time is required to enable this document to be  
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§ 1.136(a) for a period of time sufficient to enable this document to be timely filed. Any  
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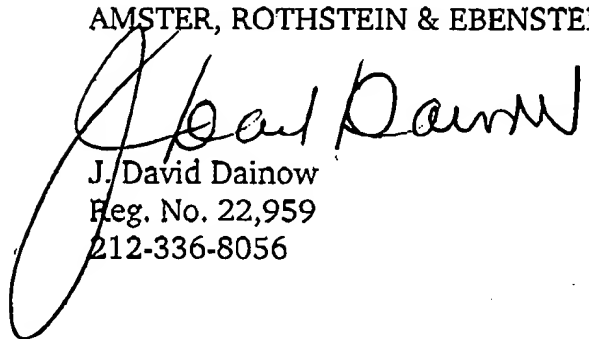
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For your convenience, a copy of page 1 of said Amendment is attached.

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